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3 By Senators Orr, Allen, Beasley, Beason, Bedford, Blackwell,
4 Brewbaker, Bussman, Coleman, Dial, Dunn, Fielding, Figures,
5 Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Keahey, Marsh,
6 McGill, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford, Scofield,
7 Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Taylor, Waggoner, Ward, Whatley
8 and Williams

9 RFD:

10 First Read: 05-MAR-14

8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF FORMER ALABAMA SENATOR TOMMY
9 ED ROBERTS.

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11 WHEREAS, we note the death of former Alabama Senator
12 Tommy Ed Roberts of Hartselle, Alabama, with deep sadness and
13 regret; his immeasurable life of 73 years is commended and
14 celebrated with great thanksgiving; and

15 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Roberts leaves a void in
16 the lives of his loving family, many friends, and the entire
17 community, where he was highly regarded; and

18 WHEREAS, born October 19, 1940, in Morgan County, he
19 was the son of Luther E. Roberts and Katherine Hewlett
20 Roberts; he joined First United Methodist Church, of which he
21 has been a lifetime member, as a boy, when his grandfather,
22 Reverend Roy Hewlett, served as minister; and

23 WHEREAS, early in his career, he and his family
24 owned and operated Roberts' Men's Wear in Decatur; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Roberts was first elected to the House
26 of Representatives in 1974; he served two terms before taking

1 a 12-year hiatus; he was elected again in 1994 and served
2 three more terms; and

3 WHEREAS, a dedicated and effective public servant,
4 Mr. Roberts served with exceptional capability and worked
5 tirelessly to improve the lives of all Alabamians; and

6 WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved and devoted
7 wife of 55 years, Pat Hogan Roberts; his son and
8 daughter-in-law, Andy and Cindy Roberts; his daughter and
9 son-in-law, Stacey Roberts Wade and Dr. Freddie Wade;
10 stepmother, Mable Roberts; and his sister and brother-in-law,
11 Edna Carol Weeks and Jerry Weeks; and six grandchildren; and

12 WHEREAS, through the years, Senator Roberts earned
13 immense respect for his tireless dedication and exceptional
14 abilities; and

15 WHEREAS, Senator Roberts was a valued member of the
16 community; although his presence is greatly missed, his memory
17 is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were
18 fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of
21 former Alabama Senator Tommy Ed Roberts, we are immensely
22 grateful for his abundant life, and we offer this resolution
23 in highest tribute to his inspiring legacy, as well as in
24 heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends.